New Locations for Tapping of Wind Energy

838. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified certain new locations to tap Wind Energy;

(b) if so, details thereof especially name of locations in Orissa; and

(c) the strategy proposed to be adopted by Government to achieve the target of adding 5,000 M. W. power during the next ten years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) 201 potential locations have been identified in 13 States to tap wind energy in the country.

(b) Six potential locations, namely, Chandipur, Chatrapur, Damanjodi, Gopalpur, Paradwip and Puri have been identified in Orissa.

(c) Fiscal and promotional incentives are being provided and soft loans for commercial projects are available from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA). In order to accelerate commmercial development, the State Governments have been requested to announce conducive policies for grid connection and sale of electricity generated from wind power projects. A Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET) has been established in Chennai to provide technical support for wind power development. The Resource Assessment Programme is being continued to identify new potential sites in various States.

Installation of Wind Mill Operations

839. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Thiruvarur Nagapattinam and Thanjavour Districts are very suitable places for power generation through wind-mill operations;